

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the abstract with the following new abstract:

--A nitride glass with the general formula $\alpha_x\beta_y\gamma_z$ is provided wherein α is a glass modifier comprising at least one electropositive element. β comprises Si, B, Ge, Ga and/or Al. γ is N or N together with O, whereby the atomic ratio of O:N is in the interval from 65:35 to 0:100.--